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Letter from LEWIS A. ATKINSON.

New York,

34 East 33rd St.

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Dear Doctor Osler,

Will you permit me to ask you a personal question, the answer to which will have much interest and importance to me as one of the managers of the Medical Department of the University of the City of New York, although I beg you to bear in mind that I am writing in a purely personal and wholly unofficial capacity.

I desire to know if you would consider an invitation to take the place in our Faculty made vacant by Dr. Lorimer's death.

I write at once because I have recently seen in the papers that you are considering a proposal that you should take a place in a Canadian University.

I am also greatly influenced by the thought that Dr. Lorimer^(p) would have chosen you above all others to be his successor, and I feel sure that you would bring to us the same ardent interest in the advancement of Medical science, the same intellectual power, and the same commanding influence with the profession that made him such a power for good.

New York seems to be the proper, the most advantageous sphere in this country for a man who has secured your position, and while the University is not such scientific centre as Johns Hopkins, its opportunities in many directions are great, and the position is a dignified and important one.

If you would consider the matter at all, and should call for any detailed information I should be glad to supply it.

Of course your reply would be treated as personal and confidential if you should so desire.

Sincerely yours,

Lewis A. Atkinson.